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1. WE BELIEVE KOREN'S APPRAISAL OF BUDGETARY SITUATION IS REALISTIC AND CONCUR THAT WISEST COURSE IS TO DROP IDEA OF KELLY CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENT TO EXPLORE SETTING UP OF NATIS OFFICE IN U.S. YOU SHOULD SO INFORM KOREN.

2. OUR EXAMINATION OF HIS PROPOSAL INDICATED ADDITIONAL DIFFICULTIES BEYOND BUDGETARY CONCERNS WHICH LED US TO CONCLUDE THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF "ONE-MAN" OFFICE IN U.S. TO SUPPLEMENT CURRENT INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN BEHALF OF NATO IS NOT A PRACTICABLE UNDERTAKING.

3. AS GENERAL RULE, WE CONTINUE PREFER THAT DEVELOPMENT OF NEW ACTIVITIES OR ANY INCREASE IN FUNDING OF ACTIVITIES BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE PRESENTLY ESTABLISHED INFORMATION FRAMEWORK WITH FULL CONSULTATION BETWEEN U.S. AND NATO PUB-
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4. FYI: WHILE WE CONTINUE WELCOME KOREN'S INTEREST IN A STEP-UP OF NATO INFORMATION ACTIVITIES IN U.S., HIS CURRENT THINKING ABOUT BEST MEANS OF INCREASING THESE INFORMATION EFFORTS CONTINUE PRESENT US WITH SOME DIFFICULTIES. WE HAVE SERIOUS RESERVATIONS, AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY IN

REFTEL B, ABOUT ACCEPTING ANYTHING THAT WOULD AMOUNT TO NATO FUNDED AND OPERATED PROGRAM IN U.S. MOREOVER, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT SUCH A PROGRAM WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCE PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING OR SUPPORT OF ALLIANCE ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT MIGHT BE ACHIEVED THROUGH REINFORCEMENT OF EXISTING EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, WE WANT TO STUDY FURTHER PROPOSALS IN PARA 4 REFTEL A AND PARTICULARLY ITEMS 2 AND 3, AND WISH TO ELICIT VIEWS OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLAIR, WHO IS ON LEAVE FOR REMAINDER THIS MONTH. END FYI KISSINGER

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